

ARMADILLO

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The First Faithful Friends Diplomacy Game...

#1971DK

AUSTRIA RAISES SAILS; GERMANY RAISES MEN; THE HOUSE OF COOP RAISES SALARIES...

Winter, 1903: AUSTRIA: Build F Trieste
 GERMANY: Build A Kiel, A Berlin
 ITALY: Build Nothing...Remove F Rome (Sorry!)

All other countries remain constant.

POSITIONS AFTER WINTER, 1903:

AUSTRIA: Armies Tyr,Vie,Ser,Bul,Rum; Fleets Tri,Gre
 ENGLAND: Army Lon; Fleets EngCh,Hol
 FRANCE: Armies Par,Bur,Mar; Fleets Spa(sc),Tun
 GERMANY: Armies Kie,Ber,Ruh,Boh,Bre; Fleets Edi,Nwy,Den
 ITALY: Army Ven; Fleets Tyrr,GOL
 RUSSIA: Armies StP,Mun,Ukr; Fleet Skag
 TURKEY: Army Sev; Fleets BlkSea,Con,Aeg

AND AN ANALYSIS FROM THE HOUSE OF COOP:

Germany's builds indicate an inland thrust rather than an effort to move by sea. Unable thus far to break thru the French line, look for Germany to move toward the relatively weak Russian-Austrian border. Taking a defensive stand along the Ruhr area, she could take Munich this Spring, and probably Warsaw by the Fall. However, this would mean leaving England in the lowlands. More probable would be a renewed effort to push England out, coupled with a stall along the Ruhr. Meanwhile Germany's fleets will now take the offensive in the North since Russia cannot spare the armies that are now in the South. It would appear that Germany has to now slow her expansion in favor of more stable and solid positions. This of course shifts the advantage to France. With Italy's apparent demise, she is able to move unhindered by sea. Look for France to stall along her German border and move quickly toward BOTH Italy and England. England is alive but not well. She will need a little luck and much support from France to stay in the lowlands. And as well, she now has to confront the German fleet on her own mainland. Teamwork between Russia and England might just save the North. There is a slight possibility that Germany might spare England in return for help against the French. We doubt it. In the East, Austria now has pressure from behind for the first time in the game. Germany's presence in Bohemia threatens both Vienna and Budapest via the Galacia corridor. This might be the break that Turkey needs to survive. With Austria's attention turned to the West, Turkey can now maneuver from position rather than continue her defensive strategy. Russia appears to be in the most precarious position, due to threats at all three of her borders. Germany in the North, Turkey in the South, and Germany near Warsaw. The House of Coop makes the following predictions with regard to 1904: (1) Sevastapol falls to Russia, (2) Greece falls to Turkey, (3) Venice falls to Austria, (4) England invades France, (5) France moves into Italy, (6) Germany gains three centers, and France becomes the number two power on the board, surpassing Austria.

THE DEADLINE FOR SPRING, 1904 MOVES WILL REMAIN 15 APRIL, 1972 AS STATED IN ARMO *8.0*. TENTATIVE RETREATS WOULD BE APPRECIATED WITH THESE MOVES.

The following gamesmasters/publishers are believed to have openings in their zines:

IMPASSABLE, John Boyer, 117 Garland Dr, Carlisle, PA, 17013. Game fee \$5. Regular.
LIAISONS DANGEREUSES, Len Lakofka, 1806 N Richmond St, Chicago, Ill, 60647. Regular.
PFENNIG-HALBPENNIG, John McCallum, Box 52, Ralston, Alberta, Canada. Regular.
EREHWON, Rod Walker, 4719 Felton St, San Diego, Calif, 92116. Game fee \$6 with \$1 discount for NewOrg members. Regular.
LA GUERRE, Buddy Tretick, 3702 Wendy Lane, Silver Spring, Md, 29006. Game fee \$5. Regular and variants.
EN PASSANT, Greg Warden, 4500 Walnut St, #106, Philadelphia, PA, 19139. Game fee \$4.
TTT PUBLICATIONS, Larry Peery, 816 24th St, San Diego, Calif, 92102. Regular
ARMADILLO, of The House of Coop. Game fee \$4 with \$1 discount for NewOrg members.

Also the following general zines are highly recommended by The House of Coop:

HOOSIER ARCHIVES, Walt Buchanan, R.R. #3, Lebanon, Indiana, 46052. Subs 15 issues/
\$2 or 7/\$1.
GAMERS GUIDE, Ken Borecki, Box 255, Rockville Centre, NY, 11571. Sub is 10 issues/
\$1.50.

The Official Gazette of the Grand Duchy of PFENNIG-HALBPENNIG, John McCallum, address above. Sub is 100 pages/\$1. (the average issue runs 10 pages)

IN THE FUTURE ARMO will be publishing articles on the strategy and tactics of Diplomacy. Most of these articles will be reprints from other zines by the best players in the game, but we'll see if we can't get some original ones in here too.

ARMO is now seeking new readers and players for regular Diplomacy. Show us to your friends. Give us as gifts to your enemies. Send us to underprivileged nations across the world. We're good guys. Please love us. Inquire above somewhere.

THE NEW DIPLOMACY ORGANIZATION has possibilities. It is being set up by plays for players. Dues are only \$1 at this time. More info from either Larry Peery, Rod Walker, or Walt Buchanan - all addresses are listed above.

COOP, AND HIS DOG whimpy will resume with the next issue. If you're smart, you'll cancel your sub now. (Like hell I'll let you!)

IF ANYONE THINKS (not among my readers) that he has something to contribute to ARMO, not necessarily concerning Dippy, send it in. We'll run it free of charge. The only stipulation is that we reserve the right to edit, either due to space or taste. However, controversial topics are welcomed. Also, we reserve the right to decide what's controversial. But send it in anyway!

SINCE MY ARMS are getting tired, we're going to end this issue a little early. See you all next ish.

AND A HAPPY APRIL FOOL TO YOU ALL. We hope she's pretty. (And for the benefit of any female readers: We hope your April Fool is handsome. Satisfied?)